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SUBJECT: JUNE BOARD OF GOVERNORS - DESIGNATION ISSUE

1. REPEAT OF STATE 140152 QUOTE: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF
STATEMENT USDEL SHOULD DELIVER IF LIST OF DESIGNATIONS
FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN OMTS, AS WE
EXPECT IT WILL, SOUTH AFRICA FOR REGION OF AFRICA. STATE-
MENT NOW INCORPORATES CHANGES SUGGESTED BY MISSION IN
REF B. QUOTE MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE MEANING
OF ARTICLE VI.A.1. OF THE STATUTE IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS.
THE BOARD IS OBLIGED TO DESIGNATE ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIVE
TECHNICAL CRITERIA (INNER QUOTE) THE MEMBER MOST ADVANCED
IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION
OF SOURCE MATERIAL IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH
NONE OF THE AFORESAID IS LOCATED. (CLOSE INNER QUOTE) IT
SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT MEMBERS SO DESIGNATED DO NOT SPEAK
FOR, ACT ON BEHALF OF, OR REPRESENT OTHER MEMBER STATES IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. WITH RESPECT TO AFRICA, THE EVI-
DENCE PERMITS NO DOUBT THAT SOUTH AFRICA, IN TERMS OF THE
RANGE OF ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES, ITS PRODUCTION OF SOURCE
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MATERIAL, AND THE SIZE OF ITS NATIONAL BUDGET COMMITTED TO
NUCLEAR ENERGY, IS BEYOND QUESTION THE MOST ADVANCED COUN-
TRY. THE STATUTE DOES NOT PROVIDE OTHER CRITERIA FOR

DESIGNATING OR EXCLUDING COUNTRIES, AND IN THE VIEW OF
MY GOVERNMENT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE TO
INTRODUCE NON-TECHNICAL CRITERIA WHICH EXCEED THE TERMS OF

REFERENCE TO WHICH WE, AS SIGNATORIES OF THE STATUTE, HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES. FOR THOSE REASONS, THE US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE BOARD HAS NO CHOICE UNDER THE STATUTE BUT TO DESIGNATE SOUTH AFRICA TO THIS SEAT. MY GOVERNMENT IS ON RECORD IN THIS AGENCY AND IN MANY OTHER FORA INCLUDING THE UN AS BEING TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID. THAT POSITION IS UNCHANGED AND UNAFFECTED BY ANY DECISION WE TAKE HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE AS A NATION ARE COMMITTED TO THE RULE OF LAW, AND THAT PRINCIPLE EXTENDS TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE IAEA. WE ARE FACED HERE WITH A CLEAR CASE WHICH HINGES ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. IN DEPARTING FROM OBJECTIVE CRITERIA INTO POLITICAL OBJECTIONS, WE PUT THIS ORGANIZATION AT RISK. MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY ARE HARMED WHEN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AS THE IAEA STATUTE IS BREACHED BY THE VERY BOARD THAT IS CHARGED WITH LIVING UP TO ITS PROVISIONS. END QUOTE.

2. DELEGATION SHOULD CALL FOR VOTE ON THIS ISSUE, VOTING FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND AGAINST ANY OTHER AFRICAN STATE FOR DESIGNATION TO AFRICAN SEAT. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION, ESPECIALLY FROM DELEGATIONS TAKING THIS POSITION AT JUNE 1977 BOARD. IF, HOWEVER, DELEGATION'S HEAD COUNT REVEALS SERIOUS DEFECTION FROM LAST YEAR'S VOTES FOR DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MISSION BELIEVES CALLING FOR VOTE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. CHRISTOPHER END REPEAT OF STATE 140152 VANCE

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